THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 7th November 1947.

The Council met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

[Supplementary questions on Q. 99 answered on 6th November 1947.]

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" From the long written answer furnished, it is found that we are doing *post-mortem* examination. I find, Sir, that Parry & Co. themselves were not competent to repack this skimmed milk powder and that their men had to learn how repacking was done in Bombay. If tenders had been called for, would not other firms have offered to do the repacking? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Government thought that these people knew about it and gave them the contract. Next time, of course, having regard to this fact, more care will be taken in the matter."

Cultivation of food crops in lands belonging to temples, mutts, etc.

* 126 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether any, and, if so, what steps have been taken to intensify the cultivation of food crops in the lands belonging to temples and mutts and other institutions (coming under the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926)?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" A note[a] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" I find that only 6,835 acres of land had been reclaimed and brought under cultivation; may I know what is the extent of cultivable land in the hands of religious institutions which still remain uncultivated? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Sir, all the information that could be got through the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has been placed on the table. I will ask for further information and supply it to the hon. Member in regard to this matter."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Will the Government take early steps to bring the remaining other lands also under cultivation? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, Sir, if that could be done; the Government also are anxious to extend cultivation, and so, this will be attended to."

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a Printed as Appendix I on page 724 infra.